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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCE

RESOLUTION

The 24th January, 2023

Subject: Waiver of interest on water rate bill dues of Rourkela Steel Plant (SAIL) for the period from dated the 26th September, 1994 to dated the 31st March, 2013.

- A.** Rourkela Steel Plant (SAIL), Rourkela, the erstwhile Hindustan Steel Ltd. (HSL) and the first public sector Steel Plant in independent India with German collaboration, availed permission from Government of Odisha for drawal of water from River Koel and River Brahmani.
- B.** RSP, Rourkela has constructed Mandira dam over River Sankh during fifties and sustained, Operation & Maintenance over these years. Apart from meeting demand of industry, release of water from Mandira dam also contributes to riparian right of people living downstream of the river Brahmani during lean season/scarcity period.
- C.** As per the decisions taken in a high level meeting under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary on dated the 22nd July, 2013, the arrear water rate dues has been recalculated excluding 4 months (Lean period) in a year. Accordingly the principal and interest amount is Rs.71,46,10,756.00 (Seventy one crore forty six lakh ten thousand seven hundred fifty six) only and Rs.220, 67,78,852.00 (Rupees two hundred twenty crore sixty seven lakh seventy eight thousand eight hundred fifty two) only respectively for the period from dated the 26th September, 1994 to dated the 31st March, 2013.
- D.** RSP has paid the principal amount of Rs.71,46,10,756 (Seventy one crore forty six lakh ten thousand seven hundred fifty six) only and has withdrawn all the cases and applied for waiver of interest amounting to Rs.220,67,78,852.00 (Rupees two hundred twenty crore sixty seven lakh seventy eight thousand eight hundred fifty two) only.

- E.** The State Government felt it necessary to resolve the arrear water rate issues of RSP, Rourkela since it has constructed Mandira Dam and sustained, Operation & Maintenance over these years.
- F.** The matter was discussed in a high level meeting under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary on dated the 25th November, 2021. After due deliberation, the waiver of interest amounting to Rs.220,67,78,852.00 (Rupees two hundred twenty crore sixty seven lakh seventy eight thousand eight hundred fifty two) only devised for consideration of the State Cabinet.
- G.** The State Cabinet, in their 53rd meeting held on dated the 27th December, 2022, accorded approval to the waiver of interest towards Water rate dues of Rourkela Steel Plant (SAIL), Rourkela amounting to Rs.220,67,78,852.00 (Rupees two hundred twenty crore sixty seven lakh seventy eight thousand eight hundred fifty two) only and this shall not be taken as precedent for other State and Central PSUs.

This has been concurred in by the Finance Department in OSWAS File No. 0087-FIN--WF2-MISC-2022)

This Resolution shall come into force from the date of issue.

ORDER

Ordered that the Resolution be published in an Extraordinary issue of *Odisha Gazette*.

By Order of the Governor

ANU GARG

Additional Chief Secretary to Government